

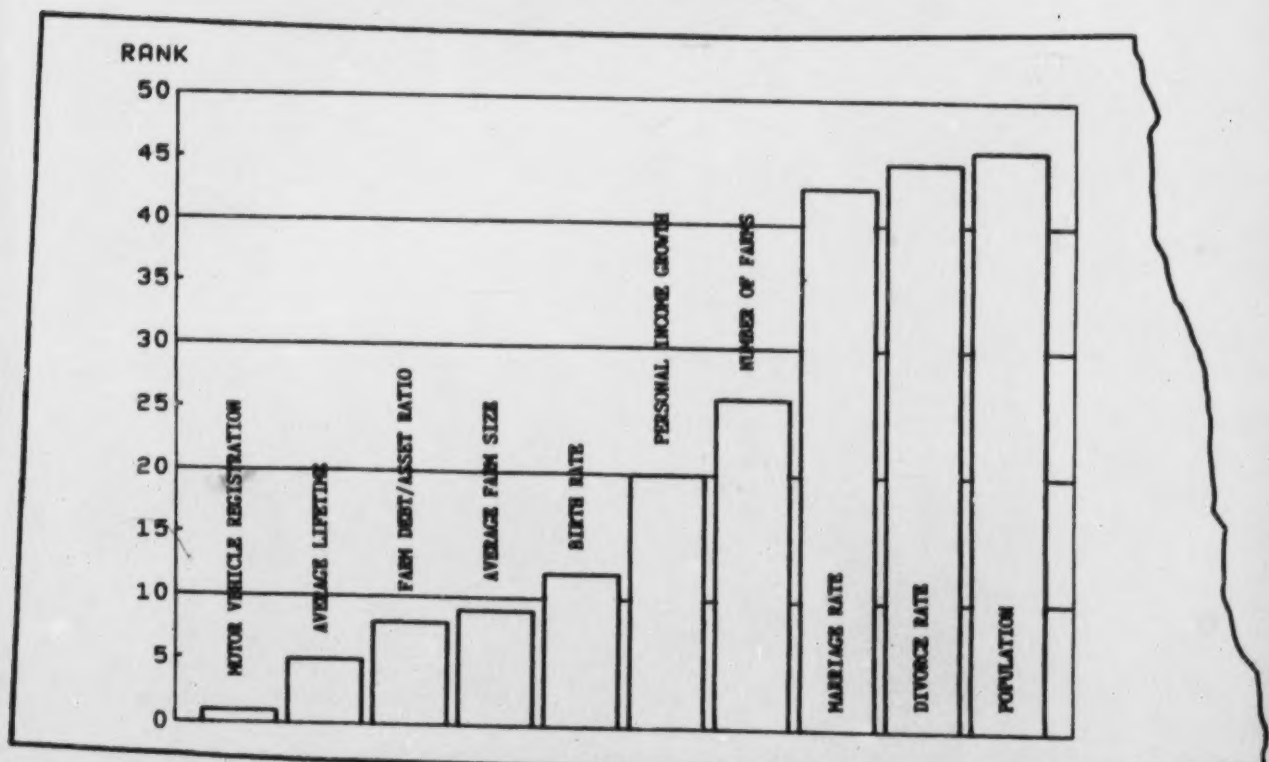
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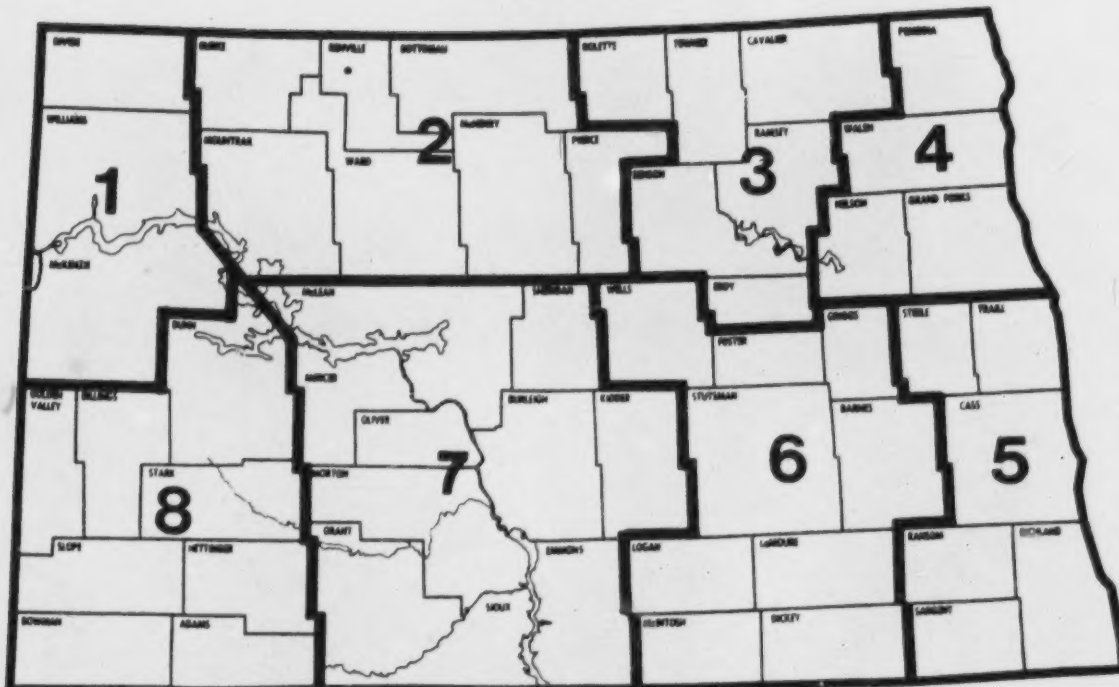
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FACTS AND FIGURES - THE NORTH DAKOTA STORY

The Research and Statistics section of Job Service North Dakota receives numerous calls from people asking a variety of questions about North Dakota's people, businesses, and economy. Then they ask how that compares to the national average or to other states. Within the next few paragraphs I hope to provide you with a few facts and figures about North Dakota and where we rank in relationship to the nation.

Everyone knows that we have a small population—685,000 people were estimated for 1985. That figure amounts to 0.3% of the entire population of the United States and gives us a ranking of 48th. Only Delaware, Vermont, Alaska, and Wyoming have smaller populations.

Despite the small population now, there may be changes in the future. In 1984, our birth rate of 17.2 births per 1,000 population put us 12th highest in the nation. Nationally, the birthrate was 15.5 per 1,000 population. Alaska had the highest rate at 24.7 and West Virginia had the lowest at 12.6.

At the same time, North Dakotans do not seem in any hurry to get married. Based on the marriage rate per 1,000 population in 1984, North Dakota was ranked 43rd. Our rate was 8.5, while the national average was 10.5. The highest state was Nevada with a rate of 117.9, while the state with the lowest rate was Pennsylvania with 7.8.

Once married, we seem to stay married. North Dakota ranked 45th in our divorce rate per 1,000 population in 1984. North Dakota had a rate of 3.3, while the nation had 4.9 divorces per 1,000. The highest state was Nevada with an index of 13.7. The lowest state was Massachusetts with a rate of 2.9. Four states did not have data available.

There is even more good news. Our average lifetime in years during 1979-1981 was 75.71. We were 5th highest in the nation. Hawaii, Minnesota, Iowa, and Utah had higher life expectancies.

If you get sick in North Dakota, take notice that we had an average daily hospital cost

of \$297 in 1984 that ranked 47th in the country. Only Mississippi, Montana, and South Dakota had lower costs. Our daily rate was 72.3% of the national average of \$411 per day and was only 47.0% of the Alaskan rate of \$632 per day.

North Dakota can also take pride in the fact that it is one of the safest places in this country to live. Based on the number of offenses known to the police per 100,000 population in 1985, we ranked 48th in the nation. We have approximately 2,679 crimes per 100,000 population compared to the national average of 5,207. Florida was the worst state with 7,574 crimes per 100,000 people. The best state was West Virginia with 2,253.

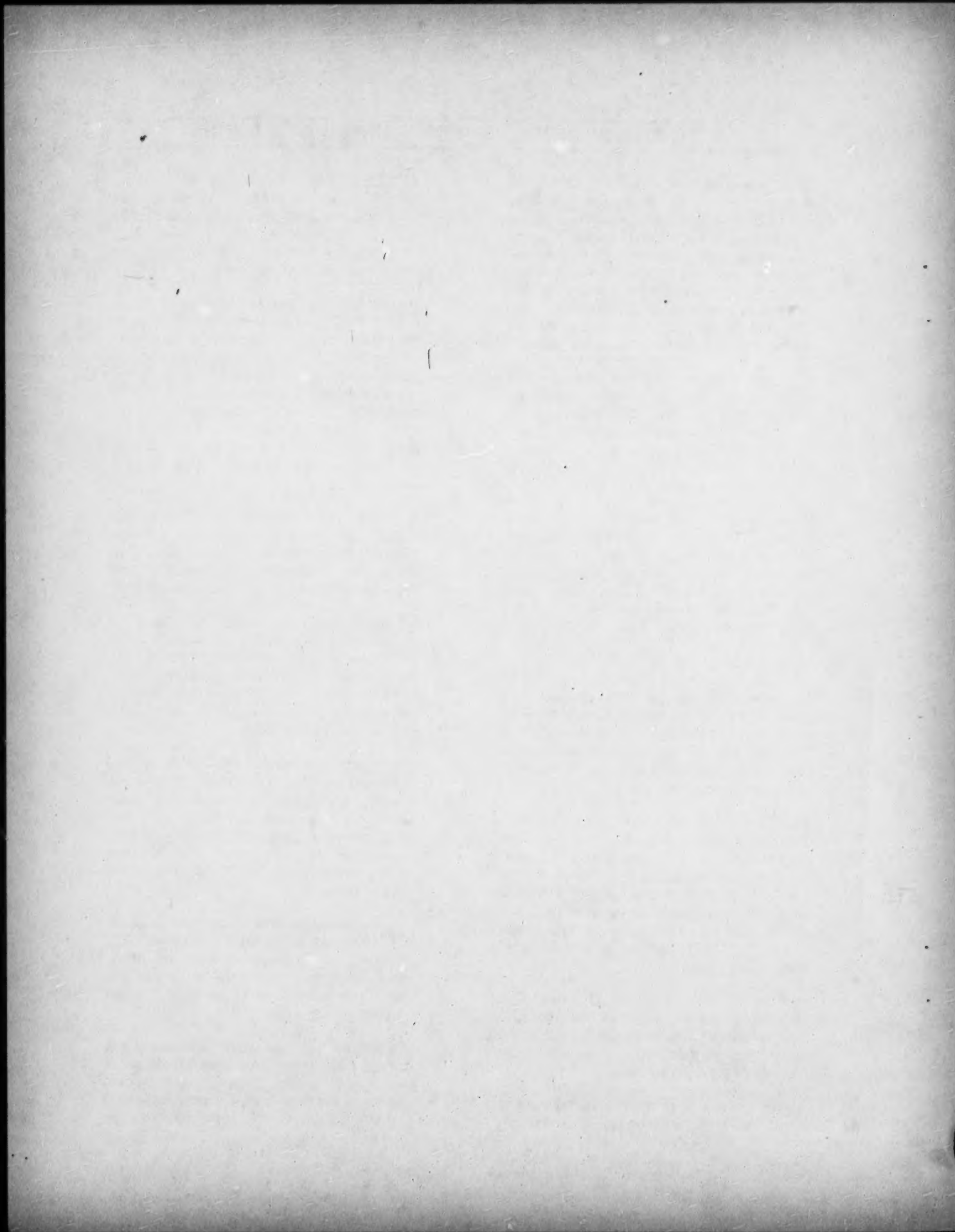
In 1985, North Dakota ranked first in at least one category—the number of motor vehicles registered with 1,039.5 per 1,000 population. Nationally the average was 713.1 per 1,000. New York was last at 502.3.

Despite the large number of vehicles for its population size, we ranked 26th in the number of accidental deaths per 100,000 people (1983). Our rate was 20.6, while the nation was 19.1 per 100,000. The safest state was Connecticut, while New Mexico had the worst rate.

One of the reasons North Dakota has so many vehicles is because of its rural, agricultural makeup. To illustrate that ruralness, note that North Dakota in 1982 had 36,000 farms, putting us in the 26th ranking. Alaska had the fewest with less than 500 farms, while Texas had the most with 185,000 farms.

Our farms also tend to be quite large. In 1982, they averaged 1,104 acres each, giving us the distinction of being 9th in the nation for farm size. Arizona is number one with 5,148 acres, and Rhode Island is the smallest with 89 acres.

Over the last few years, agriculture has not been doing well. One illustration of that is land values. Based on the percent change in average value per acre from 1980 to 1986, we lost 21.7%, while the nation as



a whole lost only 19.1%. North Dakota ranked 36th in the nation on this factor, while Massachusetts ranked number one with a 71.1% increase in land value. Iowa was the hardest hit with a loss of 54.3%.

As a state, we were 8th in the country with a 28.2 farm debt to asset ratio in 1985. The nation had a ratio of 23.6 overall. Hawaii was 50th with a 7.1 ratio, while Minnesota was number one with a 34.9 ratio.

Another agricultural statistic is our 40th ranking in the net farm income to debt ratio for 1985. The state's ratio was 10.7, while the country rated 21.5. The number one state was Rhode Island with a ratio of 125.8 and number 50 was Montana with a -7.5 ratio.

With energy and agricultural declines, personal income has been affected. Based on the percent change of personal income from 1980 to 1985, North Dakota ranked 20th in the country with a 47.8% growth. Nationwide, the percent change was 47.0. The number one state was Alaska with 69.6%. Based on per capita personal income in 1985, North Dakota had a figure of \$12,052 (a ranking of 35th), while the national average was \$13,867.

A large amount of the money we earn is used for energy in this state. Based on energy consumption per capita in 1984, North Dakota was 10th in the nation, consuming 386M BTU's. Nationwide, the average was 313M BTU's. Our energy consumption is high and so are our expenditures. Energy expenditures per capita put us 5th in the nation with costs of \$2,056. The national average was \$1,728.

Whether it be from lack of adequate income, interest rates too high, or the uncertainty of North Dakota's economy, the sale of existing homes has declined between 1984 and 1985. The drop was 11.0%, which put us 49th in the country, while such sales increased 12.8% nationally. New housing units started shows a 20.5% decline between 1984 and 1985 in North Dakota, putting us in 39th place. Nationally, housing starts only declined by 0.8%.

A number of miscellaneous items exist that are indirectly related to our economy and are curiously interesting:

Beer consumption: In 1985, North Dakota was ranked 22nd in the adult per capita consumption of beer with 34.9 gallons. The national average was 34.5 gallons.

Wine consumption: Compared to the nation, North Dakotans consume only one-half as much wine. We ranked 40th in wine consumption, swallowing 1.7 gallons each, while nationally the average was 3.5 gallons.

Distilled spirit consumption: In this category, we were ranked 19th, drinking 2.8 gallons, while nationally the average was 2.5 gallons.

New Hampshire was number one in both beer and distilled spirit consumption with 51.3 gallons of beer, and 6.3 gallons of distilled spirits. Nevada was number 2 in both beer and distilled spirits, but was number one in wine consumption with 7.4 gallons.

The percent of voting-age population in North Dakota casting votes for president in 1984 was 62.9%, placing us 9th in the nation.

The percent of our employment that were union members in 1982 was 14.2%, putting us 34th in the nation.

North Dakota commercial bank deposits per capita in 1985 was \$8,767, giving us 7th place nationally.

All the data provided in this article was obtained from the publication "Statistical Abstract of the United States 1987," 107th Edition. Should you have any questions concerning the data provided or would like additional information, please contact Warren Boyd at (701) 224-3048.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA
(Rounded to Hundreds)

Industry	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Percent Change From	
				One Month Ago	One Year Ago
	May 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1986	Apr. 1987	May 1986
TOTAL	252,500	248,400	251,900	1.7%	0.2%
MINING	4,000	3,800	4,400	5.3%	-9.1%
Coal	1,100	1,100	1,200	0.0%	-8.3%
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	2,500	2,400	2,800	4.2%	-10.7%
Other Mining	400	300	400	33.3%	0.0%
CONSTRUCTION	10,900	8,600	11,400	26.7%	-4.4%
Building Construction	2,600	2,200	2,900	18.2%	-10.3%
Street, Highway & Heavy	3,200	1,900	3,100	68.4%	3.2%
Special Trade Construction	5,100	4,500	5,400	13.3%	-5.6%
MANUFACTURING	15,600	15,300	15,400	2.0%	1.3%
Durable Goods	6,600	6,400	6,300	3.1%	4.8%
Stone, Clay, & Glass	800	600	800	33.3%	0.0%
Primary & Fabricated Metals	800	700	600	14.3%	33.3%
Machinery & Trans. Equipment	3,800	3,800	3,800	0.0%	0.0%
Other Durable Goods	1,200	1,300	1,100	-7.7%	9.1%
Nondurable Goods	9,000	8,900	9,100	1.1%	-1.1%
Food & Kindred Products	4,500	4,400	4,400	2.3%	2.3%
Dairy Products	800	700	800	14.3%	0.0%
Food Specialties & Confectionery Products	1,800	1,800	1,600	0.0%	12.5%
Bakery Products	300	300	300	0.0%	0.0%
Other Food & Kindred Products	1,600	1,600	1,700	0.0%	-5.9%
Printing & Publishing	2,400	2,400	2,500	0.0%	-4.0%
Other Nondurable Goods	2,100	2,100	2,200	0.0%	-4.5%
TRANS., COMM., & UTILITIES	15,800	15,700	15,900	0.6%	-0.6%
Transportation	7,900	7,800	7,700	1.3%	2.6%
Trucking & Warehousing	4,500	4,400	4,200	2.3%	7.1%
Other Transportation	3,400	3,400	3,500	0.0%	-2.9%
Communications	3,200	3,200	3,300	0.0%	-3.0%
Public Utilities	4,700	4,700	4,900	0.0%	-4.1%

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA
(Continued)

Industry	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Percent Change From	
				One Month	One Year
				Ago	Ago
	May 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1986	Apr. 1987	May 1986
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,300	19,100	19,700	1.0%	-2.0%
Durable Goods	8,900	8,900	9,200	0.0%	-3.3%
Nondurable Goods	10,400	10,200	10,500	2.0%	-1.0%
RETAIL TRADE	48,100	47,400	48,000	1.5%	0.2%
General Merchandise	6,100	6,100	5,900	0.0%	3.4%
Food Stores	6,600	6,500	6,600	1.5%	0.0%
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	6,500	6,500	6,700	0.0%	-3.0%
Apparel & Accessory Stores	2,500	2,500	2,600	0.0%	-3.8%
Other Retail	26,400	25,800	26,200	2.3%	0.8%
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	12,500	12,400	12,400	0.8%	0.8%
Finance	6,900	6,800	6,800	1.5%	1.5%
Banking	4,200	4,100	4,200	2.4%	0.0%
Other Finance	2,700	2,700	2,600	0.0%	3.8%
Insurance	3,800	3,800	3,800	0.0%	0.0%
Real Estate	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	0.0%
SERVICES	60,400	60,300	59,400	0.2%	1.7%
Lodging	4,100	4,100	4,300	0.0%	-4.7%
Health Services	25,900	25,700	25,200	0.8%	2.8%
Nursing Care & Hospitals	19,100	18,900	18,700	1.1%	2.1%
Other Medical Services	6,800	6,800	6,500	0.0%	4.6%
Other Services	30,400	30,500	29,900	-0.3%	1.7%
GOVERNMENT	65,900	65,800	65,300	0.2%	0.9%
Federal	10,000	10,000	9,600	0.0%	4.2%
State Government	20,300	20,400	19,600	-0.5%	3.6%
Educational Services	13,100	13,200	12,600	-0.8%	4.0%
Other State Government	7,200	7,200	7,000	0.0%	2.9%
Local Government	35,600	35,400	36,100	-0.6%	-1.4%
Educational Services	17,700	17,800	18,200	-0.6%	-2.7%
Other Local Government	17,900	17,600	17,900	1.7%	0.0%

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS
(Rounded to Hundreds)

Industry	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Percent Change From	
				One Month	One Year
				Ago	Ago
	May 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1986	Apr. 1987	May 1986
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
TOTAL	70,800	69,800	68,600	1.4%	3.2%
Mining & Construction	3,300	2,800	3,200	17.9%	3.1%
Manufacturing	4,900	4,800	4,700	2.1%	4.3%
Durable Goods	2,100	2,000	1,900	5.0%	10.5%
Nondurable Goods	2,800	2,800	2,800	0.0%	0.0%
Trans., Comm. & Utilities	4,200	4,100	4,100	2.4%	2.4%
Trade	21,000	20,700	20,300	1.4%	3.4%
Wholesale Trade	6,400	6,400	6,500	0.0%	-1.5%
Retail Trade	14,600	14,300	13,800	2.1%	5.8%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate.	4,400	4,400	4,300	0.0%	2.3%
Services	19,100	19,100	18,500	0.0%	3.2%
Government	13,900	13,900	13,500	0.0%	3.0%
Federal	2,100	2,100	2,100	0.0%	0.0%
State & Local	11,800	11,800	11,400	0.0%	3.5%
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	29,700	29,300	29,100	1.4%	2.1%
Mining & Construction	1,600	1,200	1,500	33.3%	6.7%
Manufacturing	1,800	1,800	1,600	0.0%	12.5%
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	1,400	1,300	1,500	7.7%	-6.7%
Trade	8,100	8,100	8,100	0.0%	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	1,400	1,400	1,500	0.0%	-6.7%
Retail Trade	6,700	6,700	6,600	0.0%	1.5%
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,200	1,200	1,100	0.0%	9.1%
Services	6,400	6,400	6,200	0.0%	3.2%
Government	9,200	9,300	9,100	-1.1%	1.1%
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	37,100	36,600	36,500	1.4%	1.6%
Mining	200	200	200	0.0%	0.0%
Construction	1,900	1,400	2,000	35.7%	-5.0%
Manufacturing	1,900	1,800	2,000	5.6%	-5.0%
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	2,700	2,700	2,800	0.0%	-3.6%
Trade	9,800	9,700	9,700	1.0%	1.0%
Wholesale	2,200	2,200	2,300	0.0%	-4.3%
Retail	7,600	7,500	7,400	1.3%	2.7%
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0%	0.0%
Services	10,300	10,400	10,000	-1.0%	3.0%
Government	8,700	8,800	8,200	-1.1%	6.1%

**U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS**

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1986	Current Month May 1987	Previous Month Apr. 1987	One Year Ago May 1986	Percent	
					Change Apr. 1987	From May 1986
All Items	328.4	338.7	337.7	326.3	0.3	3.8
Food & Beverage	311.8	324.0	322.5	309.4	0.5	4.7
Housing	360.2	368.9	367.7	358.5	0.3	2.9
Apparel & Upkeep	207.8	218.0	218.7	206.4	-0.3	5.6
Transportation	307.5	314.6	313.3	305.7	0.4	2.9
Medical Care	433.5	458.9	457.3	429.7	0.3	6.8
Entertainment	274.1	282.0	281.3	272.9	0.2	3.3

**PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
UNITED STATES AVERAGE**

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1986	Current Month May 1987	Previous Month Apr. 1987	One Year Ago May 1986	Percent	
					Change Apr. 1987	From May 1986
All Commodities	299.8	307.3	305.1	299.2	0.7	2.7
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	252.0	263.6	257.0	250.8	2.6	5.1
Industrial Commodities	312.1	318.6	317.4	311.6	0.4	2.2

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1986	May 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1986	May 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1986
UNITED STATES									
Manufacturing	403.27	398.75	394.23	40.9	40.4	40.6	9.86	9.87	9.71
Durable Goods	431.19	425.99	423.54	41.5	41.0	41.2	10.39	10.39	10.28
Nondurable Goods	366.11	361.03	354.22	40.1	39.5	39.8	9.13	9.14	8.90
NORTH DAKOTA									
Manufacturing	341.25	319.79	314.39	40.1	37.8	38.2	8.51	8.46	8.23
Durable Goods	392.93	344.66	336.65	44.6	39.3	39.1	8.81	8.77	8.61
Nondurable Goods	307.64	301.67	298.50	37.2	36.7	37.5	8.27	8.22	7.96
Food & Kindred	305.42	300.32	293.83	37.8	37.4	37.1	8.08	8.03	7.92
Printing & Publishing	256.58	249.07	273.51	30.4	29.9	32.6	8.44	8.33	8.39
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA									
Manufacturing	319.79	305.28	314.87	37.8	36.3	37.0	8.46	8.41	8.51
Durable Goods	333.78	318.82	324.86	39.5	38.0	37.6	8.45	8.39	8.64
Nondurable Goods	309.16	296.74	307.33	36.5	35.2	36.5	8.47	8.43	8.42

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	May 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1986	May 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1986	May 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1986	May 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1986
Divide	1,657	1,553	1,712	1,622	1,497	1,624	35	56	88	2.1	3.6	5.1
McKenzie	2,892	2,945	3,567	2,686	2,682	3,266	206	263	301	7.1	8.9	8.4
Williams	11,104	11,556	13,357	10,174	10,400	11,586	930	1,156	1,771	8.4	10.0	13.3
REGION 1 TOTAL	15,653	16,054	18,636	14,482	14,579	16,476	1,171	1,475	2,160	7.5	9.2	11.6
Bottineau	3,901	3,795	4,013	3,730	3,554	3,744	171	241	269	4.4	6.4	6.7
Burke	1,580	1,500	1,655	1,481	1,372	1,522	99	128	133	6.3	8.5	8.0
McHenry	3,184	3,054	3,286	2,924	2,652	2,883	260	402	403	8.2	13.2	12.3
Mountrail	3,596	3,624	3,728	3,368	3,315	3,378	228	309	350	6.3	8.5	9.4
Pierce	2,761	2,747	2,815	2,668	2,624	2,659	93	123	156	3.4	4.5	5.5
Renville	1,359	1,392	1,508	1,286	1,292	1,382	73	100	126	5.4	7.2	8.4
Ward	25,808	25,627	25,697	24,700	24,241	24,076	1,108	1,386	1,621	4.3	5.4	6.3
REGION 2 TOTAL	42,189	41,739	42,702	40,157	39,050	39,644	2,032	2,689	3,058	4.8	6.4	7.2
Benson	3,604	3,565	3,557	3,317	3,245	3,336	287	320	221	8.0	9.0	6.2
Cavalier	2,982	2,961	2,987	2,848	2,741	2,826	134	220	161	4.5	7.4	5.4
Eddy	1,703	1,674	1,641	1,555	1,473	1,522	148	201	119	8.7	12.0	7.3
Ramsey	6,913	6,704	6,613	6,618	6,325	6,324	295	379	289	4.3	5.7	4.4
Rolette	5,224	5,019	5,423	4,617	4,429	4,672	607	590	751	11.6	11.8	13.8
Towner	1,953	1,755	1,898	1,915	1,683	1,835	38	72	63	1.9	4.1	3.3
REGION 3 TOTAL	22,379	21,678	22,119	20,870	19,896	20,515	1,509	1,782	1,604	6.7	8.2	7.3
Grand Forks	36,338	35,958	35,200	35,301	34,707	34,016	1,037	1,251	1,184	2.9	3.5	3.4
Nelson	2,275	2,161	2,270	2,186	2,018	2,137	89	143	133	3.9	6.6	5.9
Pembina	5,285	5,244	5,465	4,924	4,728	5,054	361	516	411	6.8	9.8	7.5
Walsh	8,529	8,411	8,445	8,219	8,037	8,111	310	374	334	3.6	4.4	4.0
REGION 4 TOTAL	52,427	51,774	51,380	50,630	49,490	49,318	1,797	2,284	2,062	3.4	4.4	4.0
Cass	58,990	58,372	57,263	57,604	56,837	55,119	1,386	1,535	2,144	2.3	2.6	3.7
Ransom	2,927	2,825	2,938	2,870	2,736	2,848	57	89	90	1.9	3.2	3.1
Richland	9,067	8,995	8,790	8,718	8,610	8,401	349	385	389	3.8	4.3	4.4
Sargent	2,800	2,647	2,745	2,720	2,548	2,628	80	99	117	2.9	3.7	4.3
Steele	1,381	1,260	1,385	1,326	1,203	1,322	55	57	63	4.0	4.5	4.5
Traill	4,891	4,672	4,772	4,717	4,460	4,536	174	212	236	3.6	4.5	4.9
REGION 5 TOTAL	80,056	78,771	77,893	77,955	76,394	74,854	2,101	2,377	3,039	2.6	3.0	3.9

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate	
	May 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1986	May 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1986	May 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1986	May 1987	Apr. 1987
Barnes	6,750	6,693	6,402	6,555	6,382	6,123	195	311	279	2.9	4.6
Dickey	3,722	3,497	3,619	3,591	3,362	3,514	131	135	105	3.5	3.9
Foster	2,344	2,334	2,411	2,249	2,197	2,262	95	137	149	4.1	5.9
Griggs	1,730	1,627	1,737	1,700	1,592	1,662	30	35	75	1.7	2.2
La Moure	2,847	2,663	2,838	2,769	2,541	2,699	78	122	139	2.7	4.6
Logan	1,704	1,573	1,683	1,668	1,520	1,640	36	53	43	2.1	3.4
McIntosh	2,539	2,354	2,528	2,495	2,273	2,441	44	81	87	1.7	3.4
Stutsman	12,656	12,428	12,773	12,208	11,831	12,088	448	597	685	3.5	4.8
Wells	3,233	3,134	3,251	3,090	2,929	3,078	143	205	173	4.4	6.5
REGION 6 TOTAL	37,525	36,303	37,242	36,325	34,627	35,507	1,200	1,676	1,735	3.2	4.6
Burleigh	32,856	32,278	32,948	31,633	30,738	30,696	1,223	1,540	2,252	3.7	4.8
Emmons	2,549	2,388	2,537	2,450	2,252	2,388	99	136	149	3.9	5.7
Grant	2,293	2,062	2,330	2,220	1,944	2,198	73	118	132	3.2	5.7
Kidder	1,812	1,729	1,864	1,707	1,546	1,677	105	183	187	5.8	10.0
McLean	4,861	4,556	5,065	4,630	4,263	4,643	231	293	422	4.8	6.4
Mercer	5,663	5,214	6,192	5,379	4,841	5,530	284	373	662	5.0	7.2
Morton	12,268	12,123	12,255	11,776	11,443	11,427	492	680	828	4.0	5.6
Oliver	1,201	987	1,300	1,151	900	1,215	50	87	85	4.2	8.8
Sheridan	1,434	1,303	1,445	1,378	1,209	1,368	56	94	77	3.9	7.2
Sioux	1,456	1,420	1,439	1,369	1,306	1,297	87	114	142	6.0	8.0
REGION 7 TOTAL	66,393	64,060	67,375	63,693	60,442	62,439	2,700	3,618	4,936	4.1	5.6
Adams	1,976	1,937	1,915	1,933	1,867	1,867	43	70	48	2.2	3.6
Billings	797	592	808	764	549	772	33	43	36	4.1	7.3
Bowman	2,366	2,227	2,414	2,289	2,133	2,277	77	88	137	3.3	4.0
Dunn	2,100	1,918	2,205	1,959	1,739	2,028	141	185	177	6.7	9.6
Golden Valley	1,118	1,080	1,128	1,094	1,043	1,068	24	37	60	2.1	3.4
Hettinger	2,199	2,040	2,233	2,101	1,891	2,119	98	149	114	4.5	7.3
Slope	584	578	593	551	558	545	33	20	48	5.7	3.5
Stark	11,898	11,777	12,630	11,286	10,890	11,358	612	887	1,272	5.1	7.5
REGION 8 TOTAL	23,038	22,149	23,926	21,977	20,670	22,034	1,061	1,479	1,892	4.6	6.7
STATE TOTAL	339,660	332,528	341,268	326,089	315,148	320,785	13,571	17,380	20,483	4.0	5.2

**LABOR FORCE
NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S**

	Current Month May 1987	Previous Month Apr. 1987	One Year Ago May 1986	Percent Change From	
				Apr. 1987	May 1986
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	121,719	121,070	119,274	0.5	2.0
Employment	114,173	113,570	110,852	0.5	3.0
Unemployment	7,546	7,500	8,422	0.6	-10.4
Unemployment Rate	6.2%	6.2%	7.1%	XX	XX
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	339,660	332,530	341,270	2.1	-0.5
Employment	326,090	315,150	320,790	3.5	1.7
Unemployment	13,570	17,380	20,480	-21.9	-33.7
Unemployment Rate	4.0%	5.2%	6.0%	XX	XX
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	85,090	84,440	82,730	0.8	2.9
Employment	82,750	81,580	79,320	1.4	4.3
Unemployment	2,340	2,860	3,410	-18.2	-31.4
Unemployment Rate	2.8%	3.4%	4.1%	XX	XX
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	36,340	35,960	35,200	1.1	3.2
Employment	35,300	34,710	34,020	1.7	3.8
Unemployment	1,040	1,250	1,180	-16.8	-11.9
Unemployment Rate	2.9%	3.5%	3.4%	XX	XX
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	45,130	44,410	45,200	1.6	-0.2
Employment	43,410	42,190	42,120	2.9	3.1
Unemployment	1,720	2,220	3,080	-22.5	-44.2
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	5.0%	6.8%	XX	XX

U.S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

**BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS
APRIL 1987
(In Thousands)**

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	332.5	350.8	2,232.1	406.8
Employment	315.1	337.9	2,123.5	377.5
Unemployment	17.4	12.9	108.6	29.3
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	3.7%	4.9%	7.2%

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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